

**Village of Hamilton  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting of May 8, 2012  
6:00pm**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Margaret Miller; Trustees: Russ Lura, Dominick Pangallo, Deb Kliman, and Sam Cooper; Village Administrator Sean Graham; Village Treasurer Mary Ann Henderson

**Public Present:** Dave Hollis, RadioFreeHamilton; Griffin O'Shea, Colgate; Ed Volmer, Noise Ordinance; Carolyn Todd, Town Council

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:** A **motion** was made by Trustee Kliman to approve the agenda as presented. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Cooper and carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Regular Meeting of April 10, 2012:**

Trustee Kliman asked for the following corrections:

1. Public Hearing-add an "s" to criticism and add "is for their annual Silent Auction on the last page, last sentence under Konosioni Society. A **motion** was made by Trustee Kliman to approve the minutes as amended. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Lura and carried.

**Public Comment:** The Mayor introduced Griffin O'Shea, president of Konosioni Senior Honor Society at Colgate, to the Board. Mr. O'Shea stated that they would like to have a bigger Welcome Back Week at Colgate. They are hoping to have a Block Party, welcoming freshman to the community, on the Village Green. The event will be August 29, 2012, from 4-6pm, and Holy Smoke will be supplying the food. He is asking to close E. Broad Street from 3-7pm. Mr. O'Shea will need to contact DigSafe. A sound permit will be needed. A **motion** was made by Trustee Lura to allow for the Block Party on August 29, 2012, from 3-7pm, on the Village Green, and to close E. Broad St from 3-7pm. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Kliman and carried.

Trustee Cooper invited Ed Volmer to the meeting to discuss the continuing development of a sound ordinance. Mr. Volmer reported to the Board his experience and his work with sound. He gave a demonstration with a decibel meter. Trustee Cooper has been in contact with the attorney for a possible local law. The Board reviewed a proposed law and made several suggestions for wording changes. Trustee Lura suggested having a trial run with standards before a law is passed. Dave Hollis questioned the Board regarding possible policies and procedures.

**MAYOR MILLER's REPORT**

April 12, 2012: The Mayor attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Dialysis Center at 10 Eaton Street.

April 14, 2012: The Mayor attended the Fire Department banquet, as did other Village officials. She thanked the firefighters for all they do as volunteers for our community.

April 17, 2012: The referendum vote regarding Natural Gas passed making history.

April 20, 2012: The Mayor met with a Colgate Student, "Wigs," who was interested in being Deputy Mayor. The Mayor has asked him to come up with a long range plan for SOMAC.

April 22, 2012: The Mayor attended the Fire Department's open house and stated that Chief Holcomb had his picture in the paper with an article about the open house and recruiting efforts.

April 26, 2012: The Mayor and Treasurer Henderson attended a JP Morgan Chase financial workshop in Weedsport regarding collateral and bonding.

May 1, 2012: The Mayor, Officer Mlasgar and Trustee Cooper attended an external review of Campus Safety conducted by representatives of Skidmore and Hamilton Colleges. Trustee Cooper liked the way they conduct orientation for the off-campus students.

Restrooms in the Downtown: The Mayor has been contacted by the Colgate Student Senate. They are requesting public restrooms be installed downtown to try to cut down on the public urination problems with the students. Administrator Graham and the Mayor will be meeting with Joanne Borfitz and will bring this request to her attention. The office staff has new computers and emails. The new email addresses will be distributed.

The Mayor reported she, Randy Weaver, and Robin Maciag, are working on getting new trees planted. Trustee Lura asked if the Colgate tree presentation covered all Village trees. It only covers the trees on the Colgate campus.

PCD: Mayor Miller reported the partners have been meeting to review the economic development plan from 2007. They meet again on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

The office of the state comptroller's office came to perform a tax cap audit.

HBA: The Mayor attended the meeting that focused on the Father's Day Fly-In Breakfast at the Airport. Jordan Sheiner introduced the new freshman, Tyler Lee and John Mak, who will be handling the September Town-Gown connection event on September 15, 2012, at Whitnall Field.

The Mayor delivered the letter to the Town of Madison about the Village's concerns on the Wind mill projects to the Town's public hearing. RadioFreeHamilton put a copy of

the letter on their website. Administrator Graham has contacted the FAA and is waiting for a response. A moratorium was discussed. Trustee Lura stated his concerns with procedural issues.

The Mayor reported she has been working with Mike Maningas, from Colgate, regarding Spring Party Weekend. Mr. Maningas rode with Campus Safety Saturday night. The Mayor received incidents' reports from the police department.

### **TRUSTEE COOPER's REPORT**

**Hamilton Police Department:** Chief Gifford remains out on medical leave.

**Hamilton Fire Department:** Trustee Cooper attended the Fire Department annual banquet.

**Hamilton Court:** The specs have gone out to twelve furniture and carpeting companies in order to get the State requirement of three quotes. The Board reviewed Administrator Graham's recommendation and would like him to review his calculations before taking action.

**Pedestrian Safety:** The Committee was updated on the results of the surveys/study completed by the Environmental Studies 390 Class. The sidewalk program was discussed.

**Campus Safety:** Trustee Cooper is reviewing with Campus Safety the shuttle bus loading zones.

**Shared Services Committee:** The website is expected to launch shortly.

**5 Way Intersection Task Force:** No report.

### **TRUSTEE KLIMAN's REPORT**

**Library Board:** The library has been receiving contributions in recognition of Barb Coger's years of service. Sam Stradling donated his frequent flyer miles to pay for magazine subscriptions. The proposal to the Mid York Library System Summer Reading Program was submitted. May 15, 2012 is the vote for the Library Proposition on the school budget. Trustee Kliman will be the Library's representative on a NYS Construction Grant Webinar on June 7. The application deadline for the Director Search is June 8, 2012

**Historical Commission:** The Commission has been awarded an Upstate Institute Fellow for five weeks, thirty-five hours a week. She will conduct interviews with selected Hamilton residents and work with the Special Collections Librarian at the Colgate Library to inventory the Hamilton history documents stored there.

**Recreation Commission:** They met on April 24, 2012, to discuss the Summer Rec Program. The fees will remain the same as last year. All the adult staff members from last year will be returning. Harry Jarcho has begun hiring other staff. The program will

run from 7/2-8/3/2012 and sign-ups will be 6/4 & 6/5 from 6-8pm, at the school. Ernie Nolen has collected the needed funds for an additional volleyball court at Wiltse Field and he will contact Randy Weaver.

**Parks Advisory Committee:** Trustee Kliman reported the Arbor Day project that took place in the park was covered by the Mid-York Weekly and Radiofreehamilton.com. Steve Blair, from Bartlett Tree experts, will return in the fall to see what needs to be done. He provided the crew with a work plan.

**Mural Commission:** No report.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee:** No report.

**Farmers' Market:** The EBT will be returning in June and will be run by Diane Eggert and has volunteers for June only. Six vendors received perfect attendance certificates. A vendor was spoken to about selling items not made by them. There was a complaint that Heidelberg Bread Company's bread is not considered homemade. The Board stated that this had already been decided, Heidelberg will be staying. Trustee Cooper stated his concern over the lack of handicap parking.

**Trails Committee:** No report.

**Symphony Committee:** The Symphony Syracuse will perform on July 12, 2012, at 8:00 p.m., on the Village Green. To date \$2,000.00 in donations has been received. We have received the DOT permit.

#### **TRUSTEE LURA'S REPORT**

**MUC:** The major topic of discussion was the gas project. Administrator Graham is working with the Village attorneys and consultants to develop a scope of services for the design and engineering of the project. There continues to be an issue with Verizon, Time Warner, and Davis Ulmer regarding changing from a telephone land line to cable. The Commission discussed their concerns with the current decrease in water usage. Administrator Graham would like to schedule a conference call with NYCOM regarding this. The rate case is moving along. Frank Radigan continues to gather information to present to the Public Service Commission.

**Streets, Sidewalks and Streetscape:** No report.

**DPW and Solid Waste Management:** The DPW continues to finish work on the Fire Department Pole Barn making it usable year round. The crew is now mowing and picking up yard waste. Crack sealing has begun in anticipation of putting down nova chip paving on W. Kendrick and Maple Ave and slurry paving on Madison St. and University Ave. Street sweeping services are being shared with surrounding towns. They will reciprocate when we begin paving work. The estimated savings to the Village because of this is \$12,000.00.

**Madison Street Cemetery:** No report.

**PCD:** No report.

### **TRUSTEE PANGALLO's REPORT**

**Economic Development:** No report.

**Hamilton Initiative:** No report.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** The Board denied Burt Marshall's request to convert a retail space into an apartment at 45 Lebanon Street.

**Planning Board:** A representative from 10 Eaton Street presented drawings and samples. The rep will return with a corrected site plan. The contractor working at 9 Eaton Street presented a new site plan but needs to address several issues such as drainage, securing a use agreement with Wayne Foster, and filing a SEQR. The Board approved the modification to the special permit for 26 Broad St, making an extra bedroom in two apartments. Trustee Pangallo updated the Planning Board on the revised sound regulations and the Trustees' approval of the Boards role in site review. Liz Marlowe addressed the Board regarding an issue that occurred at HCS during Spring Party Weekend.

**Airport/Airpark Commission:** The DEC has approved plans for the security substation and will be going out to bid. Steve Brink is interested in purchasing some property near the car wash to relocate his business. A survey is being completed to be sent out with the utility billing to gather information on what is known by residents about the Airport. The Phase II Taxiway Project is nearing completion. The Commission has instituted a \$75.00 landing fee that will be waived if 50 gallons or more of fuel is purchased. There was discussion regarding the 2007 Greater Hamilton Economic Development plan and was suggested that the Commission update the "preferred uses" list for the Airpark based on the potential of natural gas at the Airpark.

**Tree Committee:** No report.

**Compost Club:** No report.

### **ADMINISTRATOR GRAHAM's REPORT**

#### **New Business**

There will be a meeting with McFarland Johnson at the Airport on May 15, 2012, 10am regarding the security substation. The Mayor and Trustee Cooper were invited to attend.

There was an insurance inspection last week to reappraise all Village buildings. Administrator Graham will forward the report to the Trustees when he receives it.

The DOT is still reviewing the information that was sent to them regarding placement of bike racks on Rt 12B.

Administrator Graham has been asked to run for the NYMPA Board. He has filed an application with the NYMPA nominating committee.

## **TREASURER HENDERSON'S REPORT**

A revised summary sheet for the budget was distributed because Treasurer Henderson wanted the breakdown for the Towns of Hamilton and Madison tax rates.

### **Annual Renewal of Fixed Price Transmission Congestion Charges**

#### **Resolution 74-2012**

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Hamilton, on recommendation from the Municipal Utilities Commission of the Village of Hamilton, has reviewed the Annual Renewal of the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) proposed fixed price TCC's; and

WHEREAS, the calculated cost of the TCC's is eighty-six thousand, seven hundred, sixteen dollars and fifty-six cents (\$86,716.56); and

WHEREAS, twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost of the TCC's is to be paid by July 19, 2012 and the remaining seventy-five percent (75%) be paid by October 1, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Hamilton authorizes Mayor Margaret Miller to execute said TCC Contract with the NYISO to provide congestion protection from November 1, 2012 to October 31, 2013.

Moved by Trustee Lura, seconded by Trustee Cooper and carried.

### **ESTABLISH PARKS IMPROVEMENT & REPAIRS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION NO. 75- 2012**

WHEREAS, a Capital Reserve was established through the 2006-2007 budget labeled Community Development, with no separate resolution by the board outside of the adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2012, at a specially scheduled Board of Trustees meeting, the Village Board was unable to attain the purpose of this Community Development Capital Reserve and do hereby declare the Community Development Capital Reserve defunct.

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, as amended, there is hereby re-established a capital reserve fund to be known as the "Parks Improvement & Repair Reserve Fund," formerly known as Community Development (hereinafter "Reserve Fund"). The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate monies to finance the cost of improvements and repairs to the Village of Hamilton's parks.

The Village Treasurer is hereby directed to deposit and secure the monies of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Village Treasurer may invest the monies in the Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of the Village of Hamilton. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the monies so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Reserve Fund.

The Village Treasurer shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner which maintains the separate identity of the Reserve Fund and shows the date and amount of each sum paid into the fund, interest earned by the fund, capital gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments of the fund, the amount and date of each withdrawal from the fund and the total assets of the fund, showing cash balance and a schedule of investments, and shall, at the end of each fiscal year, render to the Board a detailed report of the operation and condition of the Reserve Fund.

Except as otherwise provided by law, expenditures from this Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. No expenditure shall be made from this Reserve Fund without the approval of this governing board and such additional actions or proceedings as may be required by Section 6-c [6-g] of the General Municipal Law or any other law, including a permissive referendum if required by subdivision 4 of Section 6-c [subdivision 7 of Section 6-g].

***Motion by Trustee Kliman, seconded by Trustee Lura and carried.***

**SEWER FUND BUDGET MODIFICATION**  
**Sewage Treatment & Disposal – Personal Services (01-5-8130.100)**  
**&**  
**Sewage Treatment Lab – Contractual (01-5-8130.410)**  
**RESOLUTION NO 76-2012**

WHEREAS the Village of Hamilton has received funds from Energy Independence Partners, LLC to reimburse the Personal Services and Materials expended from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$2,069.46 for the 2011- 2012 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, this pilot program tests the equipment provided by Energy Independence Partners, LLC, to remove the effluent from wastewater; and

WHEREAS, these funds and expenditures were not included in the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sewer Fund Miscellaneous Revenues (06-4-2771.000) be decreased by \$2,069.46, the Sewage Treatment & Disposal - Personal Service (06-5-8130.100) Appropriation be reimbursed by \$717.46 and the Sewage Treatment Lab – Contractual (06-5-8130.410) Appropriation be reimbursed by \$1352.00 to reflect the above reimbursement payment for the 2011-2012 budget

Motion by Trustee Lura, seconded by Trustee Cooper and carried

## **RESOLUTION #77-2012-Airport**

### **AIRPORT FUND BUDGET MODIFICATION**

**Airport Fuel (03-5-5610.430) \$10,000.00**  
**Airport Social Security (03-5-9030.800) \$250.00**  
**Airport Hospital & Medical (03-5-9060.800) \$1,000.00**

WHEREAS the Village of Hamilton Airport fund requires funds to operate until the end of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance has sufficient funds to cover the total cost needed of \$11,250.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Airport Fund's Appropriated Fund Balance (03-1-0599.000), the Airport Fuel (03-5-5610.430), Social Security (03-5-9030.800) and Hospital & Medical (03-5-9060.800) Appropriation line items of the Airport fund for the 2011-2012 budget, be increased by \$11,250.00

Motion by Trustee Pangallo, seconded by Trustee Kliman and carried

Dated: May 10, 2012

## **TAX WARRANT**

### **Resolution 78-2012**

To: Tax Collector of the Village of Hamilton, New York

You are hereby commanded to receive and collect from the several persons named in the tax roll, hereunto annexed, the several sums of taxes specified opposite their respective names, for the following purposes:

For the General Fund	\$1,399,275.00
For Sidewalks	
For Unpaid Water & Sewer	\$196.07
Total	1,399,471.07

Upon delivery of the roll and warrant to you, and on or before the first day of June the treasurer shall publish in the official paper of the village a notice that such tax roll and warrant have been left with you for collection of taxes therein levied, and



shall designate one or more convenient places in the village where you will receive taxes from June first to and including July second from seven thirty o'clock in the morning until four o'clock in the afternoon, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays;

You shall attend at the time and place specified in said notice for the purpose of receiving said taxes;

For said period of time you will receive all taxes paid to you without additional charge;

On all such taxes remaining unpaid after July second, five per centum shall be added for the first month, and an additional one per centum for each month and fraction thereof until paid.

After the second day of July, you shall proceed to collect the taxes remaining unpaid, with interest as herein provided, but without any other fee or charge, and for that purpose of a village tax collector.

All interest collected shall belong to the village.

You are to make a return of this warrant on or before the first day of November after the delivery thereof to you, showing the total amount of taxes paid and each tax unpaid, and shall file the roll and warrant in the office of the Village Clerk.

And for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The Board of Trustees of said Village of Hamilton has caused these presents to be signed by its Mayor and the Treasurer of the said village and the seal of the village is hereunto affixed, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012.

Motion by Trustee Lura, seconded by Trustee Cooper and carried.

### **RESOLUTION #79-2012**

#### **RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE \$2.00 CHARGE TO OFFSET MAILING OF NEW YORK STATE MANDATED NOTICE FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX**

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §987 authorizes Villages to impose, by resolution, a charge of up to \$2.00 to offset the expense of mailing the state mandated notice for unpaid taxes. The charge does not apply to any additional notice sent at the option of the Village.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby agrees to charge the \$2.00 second notice fee for unpaid taxes to offset the expense of mailing the New York State mandated notice.

Motion by Trustee Lura, seconded by Trustee Pangallo and carried.

**Constitutional Tax Limit Form:** Has been filed with the OSC office.

**Sales Tax Received:** We were short \$1,859.00.

**Judges Reports:** The receipts were reviewed.

### **Resolution NO. 80-2012ABSTRACTS**

At a regular or special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Hamilton, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following Resolution was adopted by a majority of the Board present entitled to vote thereon:

**RESOLVED**, By the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hamilton that the below listed Abstracts are approved.

<u>Abstracts</u>	<u>Check</u>
<u>Date</u>	
General	
11c	14,727.83
4/20/2012	
11d	19,463.66
4/27/2012	
12a	14,277.95
5/4/2012	
12b	25,288.98
5/11/2012	
Paid Expenses	5,995.00
12A	167,037.61
Monthly Vouchers	
Airport	
11c	695.04
4/20/2012	
11d	646.43
4/27/2012	

		12a	881.46
		5/4/2012	
		12b	551.04
		5/11/2012	
		Paid Expenses	0.00
		12A	22,389.83
		Monthly Vouchers	
Electric			
		11c	7,293.21
		4/20/2012	
		11d	7,289.89
		4/27/2012	
		12a	6,842.65
		5/4/2012	
		12b	11,191.35
		5/11/2012	
		Paid Expenses	135,911.44
		12A	66,855.83
		Monthly Vouchers	
Water			
		11c	1,454.82
		4/20/2012	
		11d	2,405.02
		4/27/2012	
		12a	1,078.36
		5/4/2012	
		12b	4,476.51
		5/11/2012	
		Paid Expenses	0.00
12A	15,479.73	Monthly Vouchers	

Sewer

11c	2,914.28	4/20/2012
11d	3,204.71	4/27/2012
12a	2,719.33	5/4/2012
12b	3,311.83	5/11/2012

Paid Expenses 0.00

12A	27,499.12	Monthly Vouchers
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Library

11c	1,800.56
4/20/2012	
11d	3,595.92
4/27/2012	
12a	1,855.52
5/4/2012	
12b	1,745.60
5/11/2012	

Paid Expenses	0.00
12A	2,673.61
Monthly Vouchers	

Gas

12A	22,070.15
Monthly Vouchers	

Trust & Agency

12A	3,061.07
Monthly Vouchers	

Airport/CP

12A	2,471.18
Monthly Vouchers	

Motion by Trustee Pangallo, seconded by Trustee Lura and carried

## **Resolution NO. 81- 2012TRANSFERS**

At a regular or special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Hamilton, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following Resolution was adopted by a majority of the Board present entitled to vote thereon: RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hamilton that the below listed transfers are approved.

### **Transfers**

#### General

FROM:	5-1910.400	Unallocated Insurance	-1,063.95
TO:	5-1325.400	Treasurer – Schools, Conf & Dues	1,063.95
FROM:	5-1910.400	Unallocated Insurance	-4,548.83
TO:	5-1325.200	Treasurer - Equipment	4,548.83
FROM:	5-1910.400	Unallocated Insurance	-118.49
TO:	5-1450.400	Elections	118.49
FROM:	5-1910.400	Unallocated Insurance	-1,000.00
TO:	5-1620.100	Buildings- Personal Services	1,000.00
FROM:	5-1910.400	Unallocated Insurance	-502.08
TO:	5-1620.400	Buildings	502.08
FROM:	5-5110.400	Street Maintenance	-53,703.90
TO:	5-5110.200	Street Maintenance – Equipment	53,703.90
FROM:	5-5142.100	Snow Removal – Personal Service	-34.98
TO:	5-5142.450	Snow Removal	34.98
FROM:	5-1910.400	Unallocated Insurance	-7,041.74
TO:	5-7110.400	Parks	7,041.74
FROM:	5-1910.400	Unallocated Insurance	-234.32

TO:	5-7110.420	Parks	234.32
FROM:	5-1910.400	Unallocated Insurance	-1.30
TO:	57600.400	Syracuse Symphony	1.30
FROM:	5-1910.400	Unallocated Insurance	-480.94
TO:	5-8140.100	Storm Sewers – Personal Services	480.94
FROM:	5-5142.100	Snow Removal – Personal Services	-995.69
TO:	5-8170.100	Street Cleaning – Personal Services	995.69

#### Airport

FROM:	5-5610.400	Airport	-30,305.28
TO:	5-5610.430	Airport - Fuel	30,305.28
FROM:	5-5610.450	Airport - Contract	-1,555.00
TO:	5-5610.430	Airport - Fuel	1,555.00
FROM:	5-5610.470	Airport - Other	-883.00
TO:	5-5610.430	Airport - Fuel	883.00

#### Water

FROM:	5-8320.100	Source of Supply – Personal Services	-260.00
TO:	5-8320.410	Source of Supply	260.00
FROM:	5-8320.100	Source of Supply – Personal Services	-15.00
TO:	5-9045.800	Life Insurance	15.00

#### Sewer

FROM:	5-9710.600	Serial Bonds – Principal	-2,500.00
TO:	5-8120.100	Sanitary Sewers – Personal Services	2,500.00
FROM:	5-9710.600	Serial Bonds – Principal	-50.00
TO:	5-9045.800	Life Insurance	50.00

FROM:	5-9710.600	Serial Bonds – Principal	-50.00
TO:	5-9045.810	Disability Insurance	50.00

Library

FROM:	5-9060.800	Hosp/Medical Insurance	-500.00
TO:	5-7410.142	Library - Personal Services	500.00

FROM:	5-9060.800	Hosp/Medical Insurance	-29.00
TO:	5-7410.200	Library - Equipment	29.00

FROM:	5-9060.800	Hosp/Medical Insurance	-100.00
TO:	5-7410.411	Library - Books	100.00

FROM:	5-9060.800	Hosp/Medical Insurance	-200.00
TO:	5-7410.413	Library - Serials	200.00

FROM:	5-9060.800	Hosp/Medical Insurance	-200.00
TO:	5-7410.433	Library - Postage	200.00

Motion by Trustee Pangallo, seconded by Trustee Lura and carried

**Resolution No. 82-2012**  
**Snowmobile Access and Use in the Village of Hamilton**

**WHEREAS,** the Village Board of Trustees embraces the principle that the natural beauty of the village is for the enjoyment and well-being of all, and the Board of Trustees invites and encourages all opportunities to share the resources and natural beauty of the Village, and

**Whereas,** the Village Board desires to provide a venue for the operation of snowmobiles away from the sides/shoulders of roadways which when used as a place to ride are generally accepted to be disconcerting and distracting to vehicles traveling in close proximity, and

**Whereas,** the Village of Hamilton has the authority to determine what public lands within the Village shall be designated for public access by snowmobiles, and

**Whereas,** the Board of Trustees expects a commitment from snowmobile clubs to, a) groom the so designated trail, b) to provide appropriate signage for the operation of snowmobile drivers and c) to assist in securing the trail by means of a gate at the Woodman's entrance, and

**Whereas,** the Board of Trustees will request enforcement of such regulations as listed below through cooperation between the Village of Hamilton Police Department, the Madison County Sheriff's Department, the New York State Police, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and

**Whereas,** Section 137-4 of the Code of the Village of Hamilton, "**Parks and other public lands, other than highways**" provides that the Board of Trustees has the authority to designate, by resolution, public lands, and/or portions thereof, where the use and operation of snowmobiles and/or ATV's may be operated, and it is the intent of the Board of Trustees to exercise that authority by adopting this resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board of Trustees, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 137-4 of the Code of the Village of Hamilton, does hereby approve the following specific areas of public lands upon which snowmobiles may be lawfully operated, and does hereby direct the Village Department of Public Works to post appropriate notices upon such lands indicating that the lawful use and operation of snowmobiles is permitted upon such lands in strict conformance with the hereafter stated terms and conditions for such use:

1. Snowmobile use shall be permitted upon the designated trails A) Starting at a designated access location twenty feet north of the midline in Wings Way on the curve near the Car and Dog Wash building proceeding east on a route along the north side of Wings Way to Route 12 B, and  
B) Starting at the designated access location twenty feet north of the midline in Wings Way on the curve near the Car and Dog Wash building proceeding north along the east side of Wings Way to the abandoned railroad right-of-way that is parallel to but outside the area of airport hangers to a location ending at the Village of Hamilton property line at Woodman Road, and
2. Snowmobile use upon any private property abutting Wings Way shall be permitted only when permission has been granted by the property owner for the operation of snowmobiles.
3. The trails designated in paragraph 1. above shall open to snowmobile use, and shall be posted as such, starting with the conclusion of the New York State muzzle loading season (on or about December 20) and ending on April 1 of each year.
4. Snowmobile operation and use upon the trails designated in this resolution shall be permitted only when in such use and operation is in strict conformance with the following terms and conditions:
  - A) Leaving the designated trail is prohibited.
  - B) Land belonging to the Hamilton Municipal Airport on the west side of Wings Way is restricted airport property that is closed to snowmobiles.
  - C) Intentionally disturbing the flora or fauna is prohibited.



Motion by Trustee Cooper, seconded by Trustee Kliman and carried

### **New Business**

**Capital Projects:** The Board decided this topic needs its own meeting. The meeting was scheduled for May 24, 2012, 7am, Village Office.

**Handbook:** Administrator Graham suggests taking the handbook back from Jim Stokes and giving it Jack Henson, the planning coordinator for Otsego County. The Board would like a quote from Mr. Henson. It was suggested to contact Eileen Zehr from Madison County.

**Explore CNY Promo:** The Board decided that this advertising for the Farmers' Market was not needed at this time.

**Traffic Regs:** 4-way stop does need a local law. A **motion** was made by Trustee Cooper to introduce Local Law No. 5. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Kliman. The **motion** was amended to add "and to set a **Public Hearing** for June 12, 2012, at 7pm, at the Village Courthouse." The **motion** carried.

**Mulch Production:** Sam Stradling is asking the Village to consider establishing a mulch program. Administrator Graham stated that most of the mulch/chipping is now used on the trails. Trustee Pangallo stated he would like to hear from the DPW regarding this before a decision is made.

### **Old Business**

**Noise Levels:** Trustee Cooper gave a brief overview of the research he has been doing.

**Charters:** No report

**Wanderer's Rest:** The Board approved the request.

**4-Way Stop:** Will wait for June 2012

**Father's Day Breakfast:** No report.

**Overnight Parking:** Trustee Cooper stated on advice of counsel, simply agree to temporarily suspend the ban on overnight parking on certain streets. Randy Weaver stated he would like the ban not to include Route 12B, Lebanon Street from the intersection to Maple, either side of Maple from W. Pleasant over to Lebanon Street. Trustee Lura stated that this should include East Broad from E. Pleasant to Payne because of the Farmers' Market. The Mayor is not in favor of including Maple Ave.

**Administrator & Treasurer's Probation & Longevity:** These two positions have never been included with longevity before. A motion was made by Trustee Kliman to approve

longevity for these two positions. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cooper. The motion was tabled.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Cooper made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kliman and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Taranto